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This latest suit by AOL against Microsoft over the Netscape browser, (that they bought knowing full well that it was an inferior browser), is invalid. The DoJ should see this for what it really is, Netscape represents about %10 of browser usage. This is the state of things simply because it is an inferior product compared to Explorer. It does not support XML or web services, it does not follow the W3 consortium standards for the DOM (document object model), does not handle stylesheets properly, does not support Iframes, etc. The list of problems with Netscape is endless and that is why they lost market share. Microsoft simply built a better product.

It would be like Ford suing Toyota because the Escort lost market share to the Corolla, that market share was lost because Corollas are better cars than Escorts.

Lets let the web publishing industry get back to normal, browsers are NOT about technology they are about the electronic equivalent of paper and ink, and Microsoft is ahead because they worked harder, faster and smarter at giving consumers a great Internet experience.

If Netscape is so great then why is AOL itself still shipping an "embedded" version of Microsoft Explorer as their "AOL" browser. They are not even using their OWN product in their OWN user interface, but instead chose Microsoft.

go figure, Richard Hansen